

Harry and George's story

Harry and George are cheeky, sociable brothers who fill every room with noise and laughter. Both live with a genetic condition so rare there are only around 100 known cases worldwide. Their needs are complex and constant.

Life for their family was isolating. With their boys needing round the clock care, mum Liz and dad John had no chance to rest and no one truly understood what daily life was like. Even something as simple as a lie in or time together was impossible.

Acorns changed that.

Through respite stays, Harry and George are cared for by people who know them and understand their needs. Liz explains: "Life before Acorns felt quite lonely. We didn't really have anyone to talk to who understood. Something as simple as a lie in just wasn't possible. Some of these may sound like little things but to me and to Harry and George they are invaluable."

Knowing the boys are happy, settled and having fun means Liz and John can finally breathe. They can rest, reconnect and spend time together and with their other son, Edward, without worry or guilt.

Because of Acorns, this family is not just coping. They are able to keep going.

“Every single person at Acorns just cares so much. From the nurses, to the gardeners, to the chefs, they just want to help. You can tell that they would do anything for you and your child to bring a bit of happiness into your life.”

- Harry and George's mum, Liz

